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FINAL VERBATIM RECORD OF THE THREE HUNDRED AND FIRST MEETING
held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva,
on Thursday, 1 June 1967, at 10.30 a.m.

Chairman:

Mr. N. ECOBESCO

(Romania)

PRESENT AT THE TABLE

Brazil:

Mr. A. F. AZEREDO da SILVEIRA
Mr. C. A. de SOUZA e SILVA
Mr. H. M. da COSTA
Mr. S. de QUEIROZ DUARTE

Bulgaria:

Mr. K. CHRISTOV
Mr. B. KONSTANTINOV
Mr. D. KOSTOV

Burma:

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Canada:

Mr. E. L. M. BURNS
Mr. C. J. MARSHALL
Mr. J. R. MORDEN

Czechoslovakia:

Mr. P. WINKLER
Mr. T. LAHODA
Mr. V. VAJNAR

Ethiopia:

Mr. A. ZELLEKE

India:

Mr. V. C. TRIVEDI
Mr. N. KRISHNAN
Mr. K. P. JAIN

Italy:

Mr. F. CAVALLETTI
Mr. G. P. TOZZOLI
Mr. E. FRANCO
Mr. F. SORO

Mexico:

Mr. J. CASTANEDA
Miss E. AGUIRRE
Mr. F. CORREA

Nigeria:

Alhaji SULE KOLO
Mr. B. O. TONWE

Poland:

Mr. M. BLUSZTAJN
Mr. J. GOLDBLAT
Mr. E. STANIEWSKI

Romania:

Mr. N. ECOBESCO
Mr. O. IONESCO
Mr. C. GEORGESCO
Mr. C. UNGUREANU

Sweden:

Mrs. A. MYRDAL
Mr. A. EDELSTAM
Mr. I. VIRGIN
Mr. R. BOMAN

Union of Soviet Socialist
Republics:

Mr. A. A. ROSHCHIN
Mr. V. P. SUSLOV
Mr. R. M. TIMERBAIEV
Mr. I. M. PALENYKH

United Arab Republic:

Mr. A. OSMAN
Mr. O. SIRRY
Mr. A. A. SALAM
Mr. M. SHAKER

United Kingdom:

Sir Harold BEELEY
Mr. I. F. PORTER
Mr. R. I. T. CROMARTIE

United States of America:

Mr. W. C. FOSTER
Mr. G. BUNN
Mr. C. G. BREAM
Mr. C. GLEYSTEN

Special Representative of the
Secretary-General:

Mr. D. PROTITCH

Deputy Special Representative
of the Secretary-General:

Mr. W. EPSTEIN

1. The CHAIRMAN (Romania) (translation from French): I declare open the three hundred and first plenary meeting of the Conference of the Eighteen-Nation Committee on Disarmament.
2. I have to inform the Committee that I have no names on my list of speakers for today. Does any representative wish to take the floor?
3. Mr. TRIVEDI (India): I thought that this might be a good opportunity for us to consider whether the Committee could not also take on the work of dealing with the other items which have been entrusted to us by the General Assembly and by the mandate under which the Committee has been established. In particular, the Indian delegation felt that it might be useful to devote, say, one day a week to the consideration of collateral measures like the comprehensive test ban treaty. The Indian delegation suggests this not only because it is part of our mandate, not only because the General Assembly has asked us to do it, but also because it would assist in a rapid conclusion of our consideration of a treaty on the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons. That has been the concept which the international community has adopted overwhelmingly for a long time, in particular since the famous resolution (DC/225) adopted by the Disarmament Commission in June 1965 (ENDC/149).
4. Moreover, several proposals are being put forward on, as I think the representative of Bulgaria said the other day, collateral measures such as certain aspects of the peaceful utilization of nuclear energy (ENDC/PV.300, para.54). These fit in very well with the banning of tests and test explosions. From that point of view also I think it is necessary to deal with the question of test explosions.
5. I shall not labour the point, but we have been debating this issue for a long time, and we know not only the intrinsic value of these measures and these discussions but also their value for the non-proliferation treaty itself. Also, I should like to say that when I mentioned a comprehensive test ban I did so only by way of example. We could discuss various collateral measures -- as well as, of course, general and complete disarmament, which is the supreme task before us -- and as we had a little time this morning I thought I might ask the indulgence of the Chairman and the members of the Committee to put forward this idea.

6. The CHAIRMAN (Romania) (translation from French): The Committee has heard the suggestion put forward by the representative of India, Ambassador Trivedi. Are there any comments?

7. Mr. BURNS (Canada): I think that we should consider very carefully the proposal made by the representative of India, and I would hope that our co-Chairmen would, before we meet again, have had a talk about it and have something to suggest to us at the next meeting on how we might advantageously occupy our time dealing with some of the other measures which have been put before us by resolution of the General Assembly (ENDC/185). We know that we shall have to take some time to deal with them before the end of our meetings here, and as there seems to be an unfortunate lengthening of the period before it will be possible for the co-Chairmen to lay before us the draft of a treaty on non-proliferation -- which we all regard as our priority task -- we might well devote the time to discussion of some of the other resolutions which dealt with the work that the General Assembly hoped we would carry out.

8. We all feel that possibly, unless there is progress on non-proliferation, few of these other measures have much chance of getting ahead either. Nevertheless, I think that what has been suggested to us by Mr. Trivedi has much to recommend it in the present circumstances. I therefore hope that our co-Chairmen can consider this matter, after the rather dismaying event of today when, for the first time I believe, we have had no one to speak on substantive matters in this Conference.

The Conference decided to issue the following communiqué:

"The Conference of the Eighteen-Nation Committee on Disarmament today held its 301st plenary meeting in the Palais des Nations, Geneva, under the chairmanship of H.E. Ambassador N. Ecobesco, representative of Romania.

"Statements were made by the representatives of India and Canada.

"The next meeting of the Conference will be held on Tuesday, 6 June 1967, at 10.30 a.m."

The meeting rose at 10.45 a.m.

